# A few *Queries* to the Teachers of the *Episcopal* Society, (so called.)

*Query.* 1. WHo was the first *Institutor*, (of a man *to be Supream Head of the Church next and Immediate under Christ*, and) of *Arch-Bishops*, and *Lord-Bishops*, and from whence had they their *Original?* Did not these things arise since the *Apostacy*; and have they not been Practised by the *Apostatised Christians*, since the *Antichrists* went out from the *true Apostles?* Or were these things practised by the *true Apostles?* Or did they confesse any more than *one Head* of the *Church*? Or that to them there was any more *than one Lord*? And was not that *Head* and *Lord*, *Christ Jesus?* And whether they that make, or confesse *other Lords*, or *another Head* of the *Church* than Christ, do not walk according to the course of the *Gentiles*, which knows not God, and contrary to the command of *Christ*, and the practise of the *true Apostles?* seeing *Christ* said to his Disciples, *the Gentiles exercise Lordship one over another, but it shall not be so with you* (mark that) *for he that will be greatest amongst you, let him be servant unto all:* And where was any of the *true Apostles* or *Ministers* of *Christ*, called *Lord-Bishops*, or *Arch-Bishops?* Or where was there any *King* in their time, called *the Supream Head of the Church next unto Christ?* Or where did they propheſie that it ſhould afterwards be ſo among the Saints? Or is not this rather a part of the *Cup of Fornication*, *which the Whore of* Babylon, *hath caused the Kings of the Earth to drink in the night of Apostacy*, yea or nay?

Coll. 1.18. 2 Cor. 8, 5, 6. Mat. 20. 25, 26. 27.

*Query.* 2. And who was the first *Inventor* of *Surplices* and *Tippits* (as they are called) did the true *Apostles* and *Ministers* of *Christ* use any of them in their *Worship?* Or had they *Organs* and *Singing Boys dressed* in *White*, *going*, and *Singing* in their *Worship?* From whom had all these things their *Original?* And are any of these things required of the *true Worshippers*, which the Father seeks, *who Worship him in the Spirit and in the Truth* (if they be, prove it by Scripture) Or are they not come up since the *Apostacy?* and are they not practised amongst the Will Worshippers, yea or nay?

John 4. 23. 24.

*Query.* 3. And who first invented this for *a Baptisme* (*viz.*) that a Teacher should *Sprinkle* a little water *on a Childs face*, and make *a Crosse on its forehead*, with his *finger*; and that there should be *God-Fathers* and *God-Mothers* (as they are called) *to name the Child*; from whom had all these things their *Original?* Did the *true Apostles* Practise these things? Or are they not come up, in the night of *Apostacy?* And why do you *call those* that name the Children, *God-Fathers*, and *God-Mothers?* Hath *God* any *Fathers* or *Mothers?* Answer to every particular *in plain English* according to the *Scriptures*, that poor people may see *your Ground*, and *Foundation*, and *Rule* for all these things; And do you believe that any can be free from sin in this life, & keep *Gods holy Will* and *Commandments?* If not, then how dare you *enjoyn those that you call God-Fathers*, and *God-Mothers*, to promise and vow these things in the Childs name, (mark) *that it shall forsake the Devil and all his works*, (mark that) *the pompes and vanities of this World*; and *all the sinfull lusts of the flesh*, and *that it should keep Gods Holy Will* and *Commandments?* now if you say, they may forsake *all these things*, and keep *Gods holy Will*, and *Commandments*; then will it not *overthrow* what you *Teach* your selves *at other times?* and if people *do not* or *cannot* forsake the *Devil* and *all his works*, *the pomps*, and *vanities* of this *wicked World*, and the *sinful lusts of the flesh*, and *keep Gods holy Will* and *Commandments*; then do you not *cause them*, you call *God-Fathers*, and *God-Mothers*, to *Promise* and *Vow* lies and *impossibilities* in *Childrens Names?*

Now *Answer* these things *in Plainness*, and *Moderation*, without fleeing to your *carnal weapons*; and be not like those, that instead of answering, have raged, and persecuted those that have Queried them. There are many things more appertaining to your Worship which I cannot own to be Right; but I would see, how you will get through these things, and what satisfaction you are able to give concerning these few, and then as the Lord moves, you may hear of many things more which are to be Queried.

The 22 *d.* of the 4th. Month, 1660.

*From a Faithfull Souldier of the Army of the Lamb* (*which must get the Victory,*) *for whose Testimony I suffer in* Lambeth-House.

George Fox, *the Younger.*

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